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For: PEPTIDES MODULATING ACTIVITIES :
OF HEPARIN, OTHER :
GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANS OR :
PROTEOGLYCANS :

Response

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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed August 20, 2003. Per the petition and fee submitted herewith, Applicant invokes the benefit of 37 CFR 1.136 to secure a one-month extension of time up to and including December 22, 2003, December 20, 2003 being a Saturday. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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